

SWAN 62 THANK YOU FROM GREG.

Dear Friends,

I hope everyone had a good time on SWAN 62 and that you are now recovering ready for work and school. I am sure that our founder Geoff is looking down on us and pleased that SWAN is as successful as ever.

Photographs can be found on the [2nd Nene website](https://www.nene.org.uk/) and also here <https://picasaweb.google.com/104184804636346688426>

If you would like to add further picture please and let me know.

Congratulations to all those who attained their SWAN Elementary, Intermediate and Advanced Certificates; and RYA Keelboat certificates.

Well done to the trophy winners:

- Galley Boy - George & Josh
- Senior Galley Boy - Danny
- Mate - Rob
- Skipper - Emily
- Most Improved - Norman
- Duck - Will
- Quarters Fever - Allie

To reiterate what I said on Friday evening at our final gathering in Ludham Village Hall, thank you to everyone who made SWAN 62 happen and work so well. Special thanks are due to:

- All those who contributed to the planning meetings in Market Drayton in May and Peterborough in November.
- Scout Leaders from each area for recruiting, training and transporting contingents to Norfolk.

Jake & Graham in Cambridge; Calum & Dave in Llanidloes; Ian, Heide and Stuart in Market Drayton; Susan in Medway, Mark in Peterborough and Yaxley; Tracy in Shrewsbury, John in Sommersham; Paul in Surrey

- All the Nene District Scout Active Support Unit and Skills Instructors for keeping up to date with Scout Association and RYA Training Requirements.
- Nene District DC Trevor Watson for all assistance and support especially with keeping all Permits and Membership up to date.
- Jackie Harrison in Nene District for dealing with applications.
- Catherine for masterminding the crew list, sleeping plan, gathering groups, duty rotas (and dealing with all the requests and feedback).
- Steve Tupper for organising the sweatshirts.
- Stuart, Heide, Ian, Mark (and daughter) and my wife Di for putting together the boat folders.
- Sally, Mike and friends for organising catering at Wroxham and Chips at Ludham.

- Will our Sailing Manger
- Squadron Sailing Masters: Michele, Mary, Sally & Dewi
- Squadron Scouters in Charge - Mark, Steve, John, Ed and Ian
- Assistant Scouter In Charge Jake for all his running around
- Gathering Group Leaders
- Mary & Catherine for coordinating certificates
- Bill for organising ships logs and certificate printing.
- Bill & Steve Tomkins for organising progress records.
- Our County Assessor for Permits Andy
- Instructors and Senior Instructors for RYA assessment.
- Rusty Carter for facilitating RYA scheme through Baden Powell Water Activities Centre Brundall
- Skippers for looking after crews and boats and navigating to Will's instructions.
- Most importantly all the young people for being so well behaved and making such a contribution to the expedition. Lets hope you progress over the years to become skippers and staff.

If I have missed anyone out, please let me know.

Thank you all for the thanks and cheers that I received which I very much appreciate and would like to share with all those who have helped with the preparation, planning and execution of SWAN.

Any feedback, especially suggestions for improvement is always gratefully received (either directly to me or through your area leaders).

REVIEW & PLANNING MEETING

There will be a meeting on Saturday 28th April (09:30 for 10:00) at the 2nd Nene HQ in Peterborough for a debrief of SWAN 62 and to commence the planning of SWAN 63.

Details can be found in a separate note from me.

Please forward any requests for agenda items as soon as possible.

Petrol or public transport fare will be paid to attendees from beyond the Peterborough area and lunch will be provided.

SWAN 63 will be from Good Friday 29th March to Saturday 6th April 2013. We have reserved all 14 Hunter Fleet cabin yachts, Bure & Tarn from Swallowtail Boatyard, Hurricane and Tornado from Eastwood Whelpton and the Keighley family yacht Swan.

It will help planning immensely if staff, skippers and mates can let us know as soon as possible if they intend to join SWAN 63 or not, so that we can work out how many yachts we can crew and how many galley boys and senior galley boys can be supervised.

Many Thanks

Yours in Scouting

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